

REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication dated May 30, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the Request for Reconsideration filed February 28, 2003.

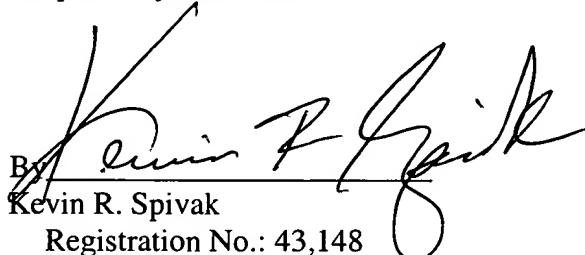
On page 2 of the Communication, the Examiner states that the Response filed on February 28, 2003 is non-responsive to the Office Action dated November 28, 2002. Applicants respectfully disagree. Indeed, the Request for Reconsideration is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, Applicants explain on page 2 of the Request which of the claim 1 limitations Cornic (the only applied reference) fails to disclose. In this regard, the Request even goes so far as to explain how Cornic differs from claim 1. Additionally, the Applicants traverse the rejection the grounds that the Examiner may not make conclusory statements of obviousness to modify the Cornic reference, but rather must cite to evidentiary support on the record. See, for example, *In re Sang Su Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **449122006000**.

Respectfully submitted,

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